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**Notice of Public Hearing
North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA)
Has Proposed Providing Communications Services**

Florida law requires that a governmental entity must hold at least two public hearings before providing communications services within a community. Governmental entities are required to electronically provide the notice of public hearing to the Department of Revenue at least 40 days before the first public hearing.

Attached is a notice of public hearing to discuss whether the North Florida Broadband Authority should provide communications services. This notice will also be posted to the Department's webpage within the Tax Law Library at www.myflorida.com/dor and within the Tax Information Publications webpage at www.myflorida.com/dor/tips/.

By law the notice is required to include: the time and place of the hearings; that the purpose of the hearings is to consider whether the governmental entity will provide communications services; the geographic areas proposed to be served by the governmental entity; and the services, if any, that the governmental entity believes are not currently being adequately provided. The notice must also state that any dealer who wishes to do so may appear and be heard at the public hearings.

Reference: Section 350.81, Florida Statutes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Persons with hearing or speech impairments may call our TDD at 800-367-8331 or 850-922-1115.

For a detailed written response to your questions, write the Florida Department of Revenue, Taxpayer Services, 5050 West Tennessee Street, Building L, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0112.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
For Notice of Intent to Provide Wireless Middle Mile Internet Access and Data Transport Services

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces two public hearings to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. **The first public hearing will be held at 10:00 AM ET on March 16, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The Public Hearing will be continued to March 17, 2010 at 2:00 pm ET at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The second public hearing will be held at 2:00 PM ET on April 16, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The Public Hearing will be continued to April 21, 2010 at 2:00 pm ET at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060.** The public hearings are being held to accept comments from the public and dealers of communications services prior to the NFBA Board of Directors making a determination to provide broadband middle mile and data transport communications services within the 14 county NFBA service area as required by Section 350.81, Florida Statutes. All interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard and to file written comments with the NFBA. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the NFBA Board Clerk at (877) 552-3482, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Pursuant to Section 350.81, Florida Statutes, the North Florida Broadband Authority, a single purpose government entity, by and through its Board of Directors, proposes to offer for compensation and provide wireless Middle Mile Internet Access and Data Transport Services in a 14 county region inclusive of the following Counties: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union, beginning May 1, 2010.